GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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SIMPLIFICATION OF VISA PROCESS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indians are not required to submit the proof of annual income and journey ticket to get Japanese visa after simplification of visa process between both the countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether simplification of visa process is likely to promote tourism in both the countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) No. Indians are, as of today, required to present documentation regarding their financial status and journey ticket to get Japanese visa.

(b) Required documentation includes proof of air booking, itinerary, tax payment certificate or bank statement, if the expenses of travel are borne by the applicant. Letter of invitation from Japan may also be asked for if the consular officer feels it necessary.

(c)&(d) Yes. Japan is placed in our list of select countries whose citizens can be given five year multiple entry tourist visas. The year 2007 has been designated as the India - Japan Tourism Exchange year to promote tourism flows. Both the countries are also engaged in discussions to further simplify visa procedures.